GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF GRAPES IN A NASIK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Nasik in Maharashtra is a grape producing district;

(b) if so, whether the Government has provided any technical and financial assistance for enhancing the production, storage, setting up of processing units and transportation from other parts in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any scheme to send a group of experts for assessing the potentiality of grape production and export; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is implementing a Centrally sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of State efforts through Work Plan. Under this scheme, the State Governments, have flexibility to take up programmes as per their felt needs and priority. Development of fruit including grapes is one of the component of this scheme under which assistance is given for production of fruits. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 2265.00 lakh has been provided to the State Government of Maharashtra for the development of Horticulture during 2004-05.

Besides, National Horticulture Board has provided an amount of Rs. 95.75 lakh to the Nasik district under their scheme on Development of Commercial Horticulture and Capital Investment Subsidy, under which there is provision for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storages for horticulture produce.

(d) and (e) The Government has no specific scheme to send a group of experts to assess the potentiality of grape production and export. However, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce provides financial assistance to its registered exporters for undertaking study tours, sponsored or organized by APEDA, abroad. In such tours, the assistance is restricted to 50 per cent of the cost of travel and distribution of study material on the activities which have correlation to exports.